

Madam Chair or Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Annabelle Shepherd and I am a resident of Fairfield. I am providing written testimony by email with reference to the legislative agenda put forth by CAGV, which includes the following:

"a ban on high capacity ammunition magazines (no grandfathering); a strengthening of assault weapons ban (no grandfathering); requirement of permits and universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers of guns, including long guns; requirement of registration of handguns with annual renewal; requirement of annual fee and annual background check for all handguns owned; requirement that the owner stipulate that the guns are still in their possession or explain how the gun was transferred to another person; require safety inspection every three years; making gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property - the violation would be a Class D felony; a ban on the right of way for transportation of firearms and ammunition bought over the Internet; taxing ammunition sales and requirement of a license/permit to purchase any gun or ammunition; restriction of handgun sales to one gun/month."

I strongly support this proposition.

Mental health experts can only do so much to help troubled individuals. They can't predict the next shooting rampage. It could be the once normal adult who becomes depressed or the quiet teen who hides out in his basement while his well meaning parents comment on what a good kid he is and what boy wouldn't love the "shoot 'em up" games he plays all day, we just don't know.

We as a society are unable to do much to control unaware or poor parents, exposure to violent movies and games by adults and children, or police every public area that could become the target for another massacre. The only way is to limit the number of people that a potential killer could kill so quickly by limiting the

weapons to which that person is able to gain access. The above stated proposition would go a long way to achieving this purpose.
It is purely common sense.

I am a registered Republican but I and other like-minded people will vote for the candidates who will support this proposition and will not allow themselves to be bullied by the NRA, whether they be Democrat, Independent or Republican. We, as individuals, may not have the enormous gun lobby funding or sound as loud, but we do each have a vote and this issue is at the top of many of our lists in its importance.

I appreciate your time in hearing my testimony.

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